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MAJOR PROGRAMME VI. REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Programme 30. Regional cooperation for development in Africa

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 30, Regional cooperation for development in Africa, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1.

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* After adoption by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, the completed revised medium-term plan will be issued in final printed form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1).

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4. The following text modifies paragraphs 30.1, 30.14 to 30.16, 30.19, 30.20, 30.22, 30.25, 30.27, 30.59 to 30.64, 30.66, 30.67, 30.72, 30.74 to 30.76, 30.81, 30.82, 30.86, 30.88, 30.90, 30.106, 30.108, 30.111, 30.120, 30.123, 30.126, 30.136 and 30.140.

A. Programme

Paragraph 30.1	Delete the reference to General Assembly resolution 43/27 and add General Assembly resolutions 45/178, 45/199 and 46/151.
Paragraph 30.14	For Subprogramme 7. Social development read Subprogramme 7. Social and human resources development
Paragraph 30.15	Add subprogramme 7 to subprogrammes with high-priority designation.

B. Subprogrammes

SUBPROGRAMME 1. DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND POLICIES

Paragraph 30.16	Delete the reference to General Assembly resolutions 40/100, 42/54 and 44/57 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1986/51, 1987/48, 1989/72 and 1989/120 and add General Assembly resolution 42/199.
Paragraphs 30.19, 30.20, 30.22 and 30.25	Delete paragraphs 30.19, 30.20, 30.22 and 30.25 and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

SUBPROGRAMME 2. ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION

Paragraph 30.27 (new para. 30.23)	Add a reference to General Assembly resolution 46/145 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1990/76, 1991/82 and 1991/303.

SUBPROGRAMME 7. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Title of subprogramme	For Social development read Social and human resources development
Paragraph 30.59 (new para. 30.55)	Add a reference to General Assembly resolutions 42/54, 44/57, 45/86, 45/87, 46/90, 46/96 and 46/143, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/48, 1989/72 and 1989/120 and Commission resolutions 644 (XXIII) and 713 (XXVI).

Paragraph 30.60 (new paras. 30.56 and 30.57)

Add a new paragraph 30.60 as follows and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"30.56 The recognition that sustained development and transformation in the African region requires an integrated approach and effective interplay between economic factors and social and human dimensions points to the need for policy analysis, research and information exchange on issues and problems of social development as they interact with other development issues in order to formulate and implement relevant social policy measures and programmes. Poverty alleviation as well as social progress and well-being also necessitate an integrated approach, particularly as regards the rural population and vulnerable groups, with a focus on equity, social justice and popular participation."

Replace old paragraph 30.60 with the following:

"30.57 Available data show that youth unemployment, underemployment, illiteracy, rural-urban migration, worsening conditions of vulnerable groups, juvenile delinquency and rising crime, including drug abuse and illicit trafficking, are posing a serious treat to the economic and social well-being of African countries."

Paragraph 30.61 (new para. 30.58)

Replace paragraph 30.61 with the following:

"30.58 Another crucial issue facing African countries is the need for coherent planning, development and utilization of human resources. The problem is rooted in inadequate educational and training systems as well as inadequacies in effective human resources and employment planning, which have hampered the contribution that human resources could make to economic growth and socio-economic development."

Paragraphs 30.62 and 30.63

Delete paragraphs 30.62 and 30.63 and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Paragraph 30.64

Add a new subparagraph (c) as follows:

"(c) The identification, analysis and research of social development issues and problems as a basis for social planning within the context of overall development planning, and for the formulation of appropriate social policies and strategies as well as an integrated approach to social progress through equity, social justice and popular participation, with a focus on the rural population".

Add a new subparagraph (d) as follows:

"(d) The promotion of the effective development of human resources necessary for accelerated economic and social development in all sectors of the national economy and for strengthening capabilities for human resources planning, development and utilization as a basis for optimizing the contribution of human resources to development."

After paragraph 30.66 (new para. 30.61) — Add a new paragraph as follows at the end of (b) Course of action of the secretariat and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"30.62 The ECA secretariat will also assist member States in planning, designing, managing, monitoring and evaluating human resources development and utilization by conducting and organizing, on the basis of related studies, training workshops, seminars and conferences at national, subregional and regional levels for senior government officials and personnel from the private and parastatal sectors, providing advisory services to member States on manpower and employment planning, assisting them in strengthening their institutional machinery for human resources development and utilization, and evaluating education and training programmes."

SUBPROGRAMME 8. ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Paragraph 30.67 (new para. 30.63) — Add a reference to General Assembly resolution 44/171.

SUBPROGRAMME 9. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Paragraph 30.72 (new para. 30.68) — Add a reference to General Assembly resolution 44/228 and Commission resolution 712 (XXVI)

After paragraph 30.74 (new para. 30.70) — Add a new paragraph as follows at the end of (a) Objectives and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"30.71. The subprogramme will also identify strategies to be coordinated regionally for concerted action to deal with major environmental issues in the socio-economic development processes of African countries within a particular time-frame. Such strategies will be aimed at examining the relationship between environmental degradation and the structure of the international economic environment, combating poverty and recommending modalities for access to, and transfer of, environmentally sound technologies."

Paragraph 30.75 (new para. 30.72) — At the end of the first sentence, insert the following sentence:

"Follow-up activities based on directions outlined by the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development will also be undertaken at the regional level."

SUBPROGRAMME 10. HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Paragraph 30.76 (new para. 30.73) — Add a reference to General Assembly resolutions 43/181 and 46/163

Paragraph 30.81 (new para. 30.78) — At the end of subparagraph (b) insert "necessary for the implementation of shelter strategies and programmes of the region".

At the end of subparagraph (c) insert "providing inputs to the global database on human settlements".

Add a new subparagraph (e) as follows:

"(e) Assisting member States in policy research of shelter and development issues and in exchange of information on programming, financing, production and maintenance of shelter."

SUBPROGRAMME 11. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Paragraph 30.82 (new para. 30.79) — Add a reference to General Assembly decision 46/458 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/81.

Paragraph 30.86 (new para. 30.83) — At the end of the paragraph, insert the following text:

"Activities in the field of basic industries will include the provision of technical advisory services and assistance in the identification, preparation, appraisal and promotion of subregional projects. Follow-up activities on implementation of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa programme will include organizing consultation and negotiation meetings among member States and relevant technological, development and financial institutions to discuss and to take decisions on project development, mobilizing resources and promoting investment."

SUBPROGRAMME 12. TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION

Paragraph 30.88 (new para. 30.85) — Add a reference to General Assembly resolution 45/210 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/76.

Paragraph 30.90 (new para. 30.87) — Add a new subparagraph as follows:

"(c) To examine the regional situation and future trends regarding the relation between environmental issues and international trade."

SUBPROGRAMME 15. NATURAL RESOURCES

Paragraph 30.106 (new para. 30.103) — Replace subparagraph (a) with the following:

"(a) Improving their knowledge of mineral resources endowment and strengthening multi-country cooperative mechanisms for mineral development and utilization".

Paragraph 30.108 (new para. 30.105) — At the end of the paragraph, insert the following sentence:

"Advisory services and technical support will be extended to member States and multinational mineral resources development institutes."

SUBPROGRAMME 16. ENERGY, INCLUDING NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

Paragraph 30.111 (new para. 30.108) — Add a reference to General Assembly resolution 45/209.

SUBPROGRAMME 18. POPULATION

Paragraph 30.120 (new para. 30.117) — Add a reference to General Assembly resolutions 44/228 and 45/216 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/92.

Paragraph 30.123 (new para. 30.120) — Add a new subparagraph as follows:

"(c) To coordinate at the regional level issues addressing the relationship between demographic pressures and sustainable consumption patterns and environmental degradation."

SUBPROGRAMME 19. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Paragraph 30.126 (new para. 30.123) — Add a reference to General Assembly decision 46/456 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/83 and ECA resolution 710 (XXVI).

SUBPROGRAMME 21. STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT

Paragraph 30.136 (new para. 30.133) — Add a reference to ECA resolution 683 (XXV).

Paragraph 30.140
(new para. 30.137)

In the second line, after "in the region", insert "as detailed in the Addis Ababa Plan of Action for Statistical Development in Africa in the 1990s and in the strategy for its implementation,".

In lines 5 and 6 of subparagraph (b), replace "integrated computer-based systems of economic, social, demographic and environmental statistics" with "national statistical databases".